

Docket No.: 58604-032



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
: Confirmation Number: 1153  
Hideki MORIKAWA, et al. :  
: Group Art Unit: 2854  
Serial No.: 10/698,370 :  
: Examiner: To be Assigned  
Filed: November 03, 2003 :  
:

For: INK FEEDING RATE CONTROL METHOD AND AN INK FEEDING RATE  
CONTROL APPARATUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop IDS  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

The relevance of Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 11-296672 and 2001-253054 is discussed in the present specification.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY

  
Stephen A. Becker  
Registration No. 26,527

600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005-3096  
(202) 756-8000 SAB:mcw  
Facsimile: (202) 756-8087  
**Date: February 20, 2004**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
CITATION IN AN  
APPLICATION

(PTO-1449)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.  
58604-032SERIAL NO.  
10/698,370APPLICANT  
Hideki MORIKAWA, et al.FILING DATE  
November 03, 2003GROUP  
2854

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER'S INITIALS | CITE NO. | Document Number<br>Number-Kind Code <sub>2</sub> ( <i>if known</i> ) | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|---------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|
|                     | US       | 6,382,101 B1   | 05/07/2002                     | Richards  |   |
|                     | US       | 2001/0038388 A1  | 11/08/2001                     | Shiraishi                                       |   |
|                     | US       |  |                                |   |   |

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER'S INITIALS | CITE NO. | Foreign Patent Document<br>Country Code <sub>3</sub> -Number +-Kind<br>Codes ( <i>if known</i> ) | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines<br>Where Relevant<br>Figures Appear | Translation                                  |    |
|---------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|----|
|                     |          |  |                                |  |   | Yes  | No |
|                     |          | 11-296672  | 10/29/1999                     | DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG CO LTD                        |   | Japanese (w/ English Abstract & Translation) |    |
|                     | A        | P2001-253054   | 09/18/2001                     | DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG CO LTD                        |   | Japanese (w/ English Abstract & Translation) |    |
|                     |          | 04-303660  | 10/27/1992                     | MAN ROLAND DRUCKMAS AG                             |   | Japanese (w/ English Abstract)               |    |
|                     |          | 08-281829  | 10/11/1996                     | TOPPAN PRINTING CO LTD                             |   | Japanese (w/ English Abstract & Translation) |    |
|                     |          | 10-305562  | 11/17/1998                     | TOPPAN PRINTING CO LTD                             |   | Japanese (w/ English Abstract & Translation) |    |
|                     | A        | P2001-353852   | 12/25/2001                     | DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG CO LTD                        |   | Japanese (w/ English Abstract & Translation) |    |
|                     | A        | P2001-293840   | 10/23/2001                     | SHII:KK  |   | Japanese (w/ English Abstract & Translation) |    |

## OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

|                     |          |   |  |
|---------------------|----------|---|--|
| EXAMINER'S INITIALS | CITE NO. | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. |  |
|                     |          |   |  |
|                     |          |   |  |
|                     |          |   |  |
|                     |          |   |  |

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.